

**FACT SHEET**

Site Name: Rockaway Borough Wellfield

Location: Rockaway Borough, Morris County

Description:

The Rockaway Borough Wellfield site is located in Rockaway Borough in Morris County, New Jersey. Three municipal wells were contaminated with volatile organic compounds, including trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene, from an unknown source. The ground water from which the wells draw their water is the sole source of potable water for Rockaway Borough, serving approximately 10,000 people. There is no evidence of surface water contamination, but the potential for contamination exists due to the close proximity of the wells to the Rockaway River.

The Borough has installed granular activated carbon filters on its potable water system. A September 1986 Record of Decision confirmed this treatment as satisfactory, established that the Borough would continue to maintain the system, and mandated that a supplemental remedial investigation and feasibility study would attempt to identify contamination sources.

A supplemental remedial investigation and feasibility study to identify the sources of ground water contamination, and to develop and evaluate remedial alternatives, is in progress. This work is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 1991.

Planned Activities:

- Evaluation of data sampled from the monitoring wells
- Preparation of the remedial investigation report
- Initiation of the feasibility study in order to evaluate remedial alternatives
- Continuation of the potentially responsible party search

Issues:

EPA is unable to reimburse the Borough of Rockaway for the implementation of carbon filtration on its potable water system. Independently, the Borough will be pursuing legal actions against potentially responsible parties.